

CLINTON/JACKSON ECI BOARD MEETING

November 26, 2012

DeWitt, Iowa

Board Members Present: Jack Willey, Lori Frick, Pastor Lynn Thiede, Daniel Srp, Lynn Bell, Brenda Kunau, Linda Hledik, Brian Bopes and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator.

Board Members Excused: Pat Hendrickson, Jill Davisson, Dr. Jessica Ihns, Karen Breitbach

Guests: Senator Rita Hart, Mary Jo Huddleston & Anne Capella - Community Action of Eastern Iowa/CCR&R, Child Care Consultant/QRS

Quorum having been established, Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

Introductions: The Board Members and the guests introduced themselves.

Review of 10-22-12 Board Meeting Minutes: The Board Members reviewed the minutes as presented. Rev. Lynn Thiede moved to accept the 10-22-12 Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Mr. Dan Srp seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Financial Report - FY13 budget: Jenny presented the Board Members with our FY13 financial report. The Coordinator's activity report is submitted as part of the financial review. Mrs. Lori Frick moved to accept the FY13 financial report as printed. Mrs. Brenda Kunau seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried a copy is attached to these minutes. Jenny presented the first budget amendment of FY13; the Executive Committee reviewed this document at their 11-5-12 meeting. The Board Members reviewed all details of the document and had no questions. Jenny provided the Executive Committee and the full Board with the amended budget they requested from St. Joseph's Preschool in DeWitt in the amount of \$2,377.72. Mrs. Lori Frick moved to accept the amended FY13 budget to be submitted to the State TA Team for approval. The motion includes approval of the request from St. Joseph's Preschool in the amount of \$2,377.72. Mrs. Brenda Kunau seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Jenny provided the Board Members with a document, Comparison of Proposals for the Quality Improvement Allocation Formula, which the ECI State Board reviewed and voted on to accept the new, proposal B funding formula, at their meeting on 11- 2-12. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Jenny provided the Board Members with a packet of information regarding a proposed EC funding change. The information was provided by Shanell Wagler and Deb Schrader. The documents support a formula change which would reduce funds in our area by more than \$80,000. A brief discussion was held by the Board Members while they reviewed the documents. They instructed Jenny to contact Shanell Wagler and express their concerns about the negative impact the change in formula would have to our area plus others. . Would it be possible to view data from the past four previous years with the current formula Statewide and then view a projection of what would happen with the proposed ECI change? Would all children in Iowa be better off with the formula change? This process moved fairly quickly, what procedures are currently in place to address formula change needs when local areas have concerns about funding? What is the primary function of TANF funds? How does DHS, Public Health and Education define the funds and would it match the proposed funding change formula. This proposed change would mean ending a program in our area. We want to make sure this change is the fairest way to distribute the funds which benefit all children in Iowa. A copy of the referenced documents is attached to these minutes.

Levels of Excellence Review: Jenny presented the Community Plan for review with the requested additions/corrections/deletions completed.

Mr. Dan Srp moved to accept the Community Plan and submit it with the LOE Portfolio. Rev. Lynn Thiede seconded. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The Board Members discussed preparing for the upcoming LOE Review with the State ECI Technical Team staff.

Bylaws: Jenny presented the current bylaws to the Board and said she had received input from Shanell Wagler about some technical changes that could be made in article I, article IV, article V, and article VI. This is the first reading. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Board Membership: Mr. Brian Bopes has submitted his resignation from the Board due to the fact that he has taken a new position in the office of Juvenile Court Services. Mrs. Lori Frick moved to accept his resignation with regret and thanked him for his service to the Board. Mrs. Brenda Kunau seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Brain Bopes has nominated Mr. David Hinds for consideration of membership on the Board. Mr. Hinds works for Clinton County Juvenile Court Services and has vast work experience in this area. He is the father of two young children and has expressed great interest in serving on our Board. Mr. Hinds and Jenny have met and he has completed the New Member training. Mr. Dan Srp moved to accept his membership to the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board. Mrs. Lynn Bell seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes. Mr. Jack Willey and Mrs. Lori Frick have nominated Mrs. Linda Hledik to serve on the Clinton/Jackson Executive Committee. Mrs. Brenda Kunau moved to approve her nomination to serve on the C/J Executive Committee. Mrs. Lynn Bell seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes. Mrs. Pat Hendrickson has submitted her resignation due to family health issues. Her fellow Board Members discussed this and would like to approach Mrs. Hendrickson to see if she would consider attending Board Meetings by phone as that is an option supported in our bylaws. Mrs. Lynn Bell moved to table this issue until we can talk with Mrs. Hendrickson. Rev. Lynn Thiede seconded. Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

New Business: Mr. Jack Willey thanked our guests for attending our meeting. He congratulated Senator Hart and looks forward to working with her this session. Jenny and Mr. Jack Willey attended a community meeting to discuss the Statewide Victim Services Reorganization Plan and he is pleased to report that Jackson County has been moved into the region with Clinton County.

There being no further business Mr. Jack Willey called for a vote to adjourn the meeting at 5:08pm. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator